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## Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve News Release

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### **Artist in Residence Megan Singleton Offering Free Papermaking Demonstrations at Great Sand Dunes**

Nationally known paper artist Megan Singleton will be Artist in Residence at Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>. As part of her residency, Megan is offering free papermaking and bookbinding demonstrations.

A hands-on papermaking demonstration “Papermaking with Local Plants” will be offered from 12:00-2:00 on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a limit of 10 participants; please call the Visitor Center at 719-378-6395 during business hours to sign up.

During the demonstration at the Visitor Center, participants will get a brief lesson on fiber collection and processing techniques used for papermaking, followed by a hands-on demonstration of transforming local plants into pulp using a household blender. Then participants will move onto getting their hands wet making sheets of paper. Participants will also have the opportunity to add inclusions such as flower petals, grasses, and threads into the paper they will take home.

From 1:00-3:00 on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a hands-on demonstration of creative uses of handmade paper using simple book binding techniques. There is a limit of 10 participants for this program also; please call the Visitor Center at 719-378-6395 during business hours to sign up.

Megan Singleton is interested in how art can address the natural world and interconnect with the physical actions of a growing living environment. Her work seeks to engage and inspire communities and individuals to care and foster the growth and revitalization of our landscapes and their natural systems. Throughout her creative process she employs techniques that crisscross the boundaries of contemporary craft, sculpture, installation, and digital media.

Visit the park’s website at [www.nps.gov/grsa/artists-in-residence.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grsa/artists-in-residence.htm) for more information about the Artist in Residence program at Great Sand Dunes, and [www.megansingleton.com](http://www.megansingleton.com) to learn more about the artist.



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